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Sir:

This information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The above-identified patent application claims priority to Finnish Patent Application No. 20000315 filed on February 14, 2000. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a Finnish Official Action issued on the priority

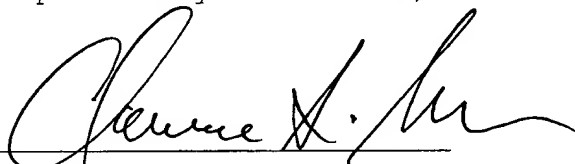
Finnish Patent Application No. FI 20000315. The Office Action cited European Patent Application Nos. EP 0866579, EP 0726685, PCT International Publication Nos. WO 99/09698 and WO 99/17488.

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